



Romans 15:4 ~ January 10, 2021

Is the Bible reliable?

Common Questions:

1. How do we know the Bible comes from God? (question of **inspiration**)
2. How do we know the Bible really is God's Word? (question of **authority**; canonicity)
3. How do we know the Bible we have today is the Bible God wants us to have? (question of **accuracy**...transmission)

Grow your trust in the Bible by:

1. _____ the Bible to others!

2. _____ Jesus as he trusted the Bible!

*NEXT WEEK: Everyday Bible 3- The Bible is Readable Questions for the Community

Personal Reflection

1. Think about the "You First" theme. Look at the graphic, stare at your sticker. What aspect of this theme is standing out to you right now. Note how the Bible is huge in revealing God's love to us AND in showing us how to love others well.
2. Can you identify the questions that keep you from wholly trusting the Bible as God's authoritative word? Re-read Psalm 1:1-2 and Joshua 1:8-9. Let these be a prayer of request and something to aspire to.

Group Discussion

1. Which of the questions about the reliability of the Bible hit you most? (questions around inspiration, authority or accuracy). How has good evidence in this caused your faith to increase?
2. Do you agree that teaching others is a great way to grow yourself? Why or why not? Who are you teaching the Bible to? (see Romans 15:1-4)
3. Do you tend to fear questions brought up by people (including yourself) about the Bible or do you lean in expectantly to find the answers? How does this reflex in you help shape your trust in the Bible?
4. Review how Jesus trusted in the Bible. As a follower and student of Jesus, what does this teach us? Do you think Jesus needed to grow in his trust of the written word just like the rest of us? How did he do that?

Plan of Action

5. If there are nagging questions that you have about the reliability of Scripture, carve out time this week to name those and then seek the answers out. There are many great resources online (crossexamined.org and seanmcdowell.org are both good). Be vulnerable to bring your questions to your group to seek out the help you need.
6. Consider reading John 8...the whole chapter. Simply look at the way Jesus is defending the word of God and his words AS the word of God. Allow the Spirit to tend to your own soul. Ask to learn what it means to really "abide in the word of Jesus" (see John 8:31).